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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TURAY

REF: STATE 26680

FOLLOWING ARE RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS RAISED IN REFTEL:

A. AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TURAY WAS BORN ON [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 11 DEC 2014] IN KAMBIA, IN THE NORTHERN PROVINCE OF SIERRA LEONE, NEAR GUINEA BORDER.

B. HE SPEAKS ONLY ENGLISH AND THREE SIERRA LEONEAN LANGUAGES (TEMNE, SUSU, AND MENDE).

C. HE PLAYS TABLE TENNIS AND ENJOYS WALKING.

D. BEFORE HER MARRIAGE TO THE AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE, MRS. TURAY WAS FLORA LAWSON. SHE IS GA RPT GA FROM ACCRA.

E. MRS. TURAY WAS TRAINED AT THE METHODIST GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL IN ACCRA, AND THE DOMINION DENTAL SCHOOL IN WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND.

F. MRS. TURAY HAS WORKED AS A DENTAL NURSE IN WELLINGTON.
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G. THE AMBASSADOR HAS FIVE CHILDREN, THREE BOYS AND TWO GIRLS. THEY ARE ISHMAEL, AGE 10; MOONAH, AGE 9; NGAGIE, AGE 7; MOHAMED, AGE 5; AND HASSAN, AGE 4. MOONAH AND NGADIE ARE, OF COURSE, GIRLS.

H. MRS. TURAY WILL NOT ACCOMPANY THE AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE

TO WASHINGTON, AND HER ETA IS AT PRESENT UNCERTAIN. AMBASSADOR
TURAY INFORMS US HE WILL ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT AFTER HIS
ARRIVAL AS TO WHEN MRS. TURAY WILL JOIN HIM.

I. THE AMBASSADOR EXPECTS TO BRING ALONG WITH HIM TWO OTHER
SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN WHOM HE WILL CONSIDER AS HIS WARDS.
POST DOES NOT NOW HAVE SUFFICIENT DETAILS TO PROVIDE FURTHER
INFORMATION ON THIS.

THE AMBASSADOR AND HIS FAMILY ENJOY PLAYING TABLE TENNIS
TOGETHER.

HE INFORMED THE POST TODAY THAT HE NOW EXPECT TO ARRIVE
SOMETIME BETWEEN JUNE 17 AND THE END OF THE MONTH. PHOTOGRAPHS
OF AMBASSADOR AND MRS. TURAY BEING POUCHED.
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